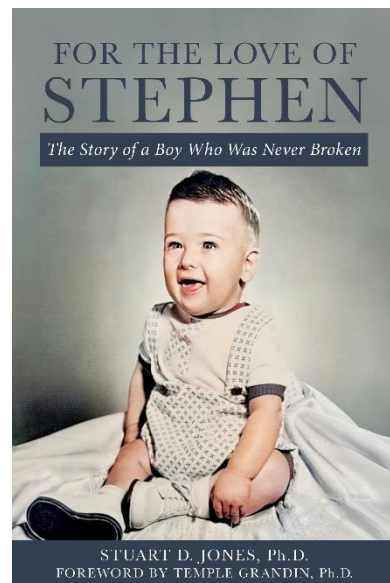


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For the Love of Stephen: The Story of a Boy Who Was Never Broken

A heartfelt memoir from Stuart D. Jones, Ph.D., explores love, resilience, and the fight for disability inclusion.

Fort Wayne, IN – December 2025 — This December, author, educator, and advocate **Stuart D. Jones, Ph.D.**, releases his debut memoir, *For the Love of Stephen: The Story of a Boy Who Was Never Broken* (Every Life Publishing). More than a memoir, the book is a testimony of love, resilience, and the enduring power of family against societal prejudice.



Born three months premature in the 1950s and diagnosed with what was then called “mental retardation,” **Stephen Keith Jones** was not expected to survive—let alone thrive. Doctors urged his parents to place him in an institution. Instead, they chose love. What followed was a life that defied expectations, broke barriers, and became a beacon for inclusion at a time when society was not ready to embrace it.

Told through the eyes of his brother, Stuart, *For the Love of Stephen* blends candid family storytelling with humor and sharp social commentary. It traces Stephen’s journey through classrooms that weren’t ready for him, workplaces where he found pride and purpose, and friendships that revealed both humanity’s cruelty and its extraordinary kindness.

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About the Book

For the Love of Stephen: The Story of a Boy Who Was Never Broken is more than a family memoir—it is a mirror, a memorial, and a movement. It challenges readers to confront the labels society imposes on people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and to consider what is lost when we fail to see them fully.

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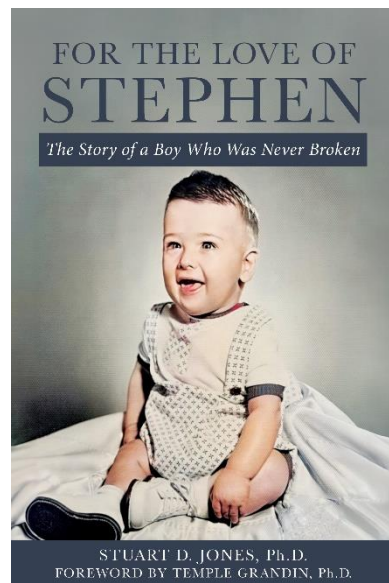
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Why This Book Matters

- **A Personal Story, A Universal Message:** A family’s courage in the face of stigma and exclusion.
- **Timely Social Commentary:** Explores disability justice, belonging, and the cost of labels.
- **Emotional and Uplifting:** Blends humor, heartbreak, and hope in equal measure.

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In *For the Love of Stephen*, author **Stuart D. Jones, Ph.D.**, tells his brother’s remarkable story of resilience, joy, and inclusion. This heartfelt memoir blends personal storytelling, humor, and social commentary to challenge stereotypes and honor a life that proved a boy deemed “broken” was never broken at all.

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Interview Questions (Sample)

1. What inspired you to write *For the Love of Stephen*?
 2. How does Stephen’s story fit into the history of disability rights?
 3. What do you hope readers take away from this memoir?
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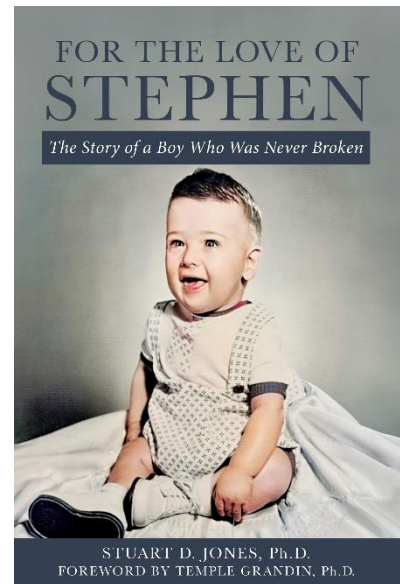
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INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Personal & Family Story

1. What inspired you to write *For the Love of Stephen* now, after all these years?
2. Can you share one of your favorite memories of Stephen that truly captures his spirit?
3. Your parents made a radical choice in 1954 by refusing institutionalization. How did that decision shape your family's journey?
4. What was it like growing up as Stephen's sibling in a world that didn't always accept him?



Themes of the Book

5. You write that the book is “a mirror, a memorial, and a movement.” What do you mean by that?
6. How do Stephen's experiences challenge the labels and stereotypes society places on people with intellectual and developmental disabilities?
7. What role did humor and joy play in your family's resilience?
8. What do you hope readers without a direct connection to disability take away from this book?

Advocacy & Social Commentary

9. How do you see Stephen's story fitting into the larger history of disability rights and inclusion in America?
10. What progress have we made since the 1950s—and what barriers remain?
11. What misconceptions about disability do you most hope this memoir will confront?
12. How does the book contribute to current conversations about belonging and justice?

Writing & Process

13. What was the most difficult part of writing this memoir—emotionally or creatively?

14. Did writing the book change the way you see your own life, family, or faith?
 15. What role did your siblings and extended family play in shaping and supporting this project?
 16. How did you balance telling a deeply personal story with offering broader commentary for readers?
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Looking Forward

17. If Stephen were here today, what do you think he would say about this book?
 18. How do you plan to continue his legacy beyond the book—through speaking, teaching, or advocacy?
 19. What advice would you give to families today who are raising a child with a disability?
 20. What's the single message you hope readers carry with them after closing the last page?
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SOUNDBITES

1. **On the heart of the story:**
"Stephen was never broken—what was broken was the world's ability to see him fully and his potential."
2. **On inclusion:**
"When my parents chose love over institutionalization, they proved that belonging isn't just possible—it's powerful."
3. **On stereotypes:**
"Labels didn't define Stephen's life, and love did."
4. **On why the book matters today:**
"Stephen's story isn't just about disability—it's about humanity, resilience, and the simple truth that everyone belongs."
5. **On the book's purpose:**
"This memoir is a mirror, a memorial, and a movement—a reminder of what we lose when we overlook, and what we gain when we embrace."